



St Patrick's,
Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A, 9th August 2020



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which our Churches are built, the Tjapwurong people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

Fr. Andrew Hayes

Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement

This year Social Justice Sunday will be observed on August 30. This year's statement is "To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today." It encourages faith communities and governments to make mental health a priority. It is a timely message in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Follow this link <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Social-Justice-Statement-2020-WEB.pdf> or find the statement at socialjustice.catholic.org.au More to come.

Centacare

Centacare provide a diverse range of education and personal development programs that assist individuals, couples and families build positive relationships with their partner, ex-partner, children and other family members. Our programs aim to facilitate the development of strong interpersonal relationships that enhance communication and problem solving skills, while building on the participant's current skill set. During the current restrictions we are not offering face to face sessions, but offering support via phone and video conferencing. These services incur a fee and payments can be made when booking. However, in situations where an applicant is experiencing financial hardship our Intake Worker can discuss payment options or fee waiver. See the following page for a list of some of the programs on offer. These can be delivered in small groups or on an individual one-on-one basis.

Parenting Programs: Bringing up Great Kids / Tuning in to Teens / Circle of Security Parenting

Relationship Education: Preparing for Marriage / Couple Care / Separation Recovery

Personal Development: Essence / Learning to Bloom

For more information about accessing this service please call Family Relationship Centre on 1300 303 988 or Email: ballaratfrc@centacareballarat.org.au

Mass Online

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au has a number of helpful resources Some of the links are listed here:

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat: Mass livestreamed daily from the Cathedral at 10.00am can be viewed here or on facebook.

St Mary Mackillop Parish, Western Border: Mass celebrated on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays can be viewed here. Follow their facebook page

St Joseph's Parish, Warrnambool: Sunday Masses at 8.30am can be viewed here or follow the link on facebook.

St Patrick's Parish, Camperdown: Sunday Mass at 10.30am livestreamed here.

Phone Lines

Victorian Coronavirus Hotline — 1800 675 398

If you suspect you may have the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) call the dedicated hotline – open 24 hours, seven days.

Older persons COVID-19 Support line — 1800 171 866

Translations for Victorian Government coronavirus website - www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translations

1800RESPECT

Confidential information, counselling and support service for people affected by or experiencing sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse.

Relationships Australia — 1300 364 277

Support services for individuals, families and communities.

Australian Red Cross — 1800 RED CROSS

Vinnies Ararat Phone: (03) 5352 5560

Salvation Army Australia — 13 SALVOS

First Reading Is 56:1.6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon – part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel – the Jews – and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans – sometimes referred to as 'dogs' to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table.

The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes. @gregsunter

ANNIVERSARIES ST PATRICK'S PARISH

STAWELL 17th—23rd August

Keith Watson 1993, Mary Stephens 1974, Ronald Lewis 1975, Harriet Torney 1987, Bernadette Maddocks 1974, Christopher Tilley 1997, Eileen Gavin 2001, John Hozjan 2007, Barry McArthur 2018, Gladys Merrett 1983, John Fallon 1991, Berenice Rutter 1997, Melrose Naylor 1959, George Thompson 1992, Maude Forster 1957, Edward Evans 1960, Charles Lightfoot 1987, John Scarsi 1971, Joseph Earle 1987, Margaret Nunweek 1999, Lorna Sargent 2000, Dorothy Woolley 2016

Readings August 23rd 2020

First Reading [Is 22:19-23](#)

Second Reading [Rom 11:33-36](#)

Pope Francis—Twitter

The coronavirus is not the only disease to be fought, but rather, the pandemic has shed light on broader social ills. One of these is a distorted view of the person, a perspective that ignores the dignity and relational character of the person. [#GeneralAudience](#)

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Let All the Nations Praise You

That's the psalm for this Sunday and it's echoed in the readings. In the Isaiah reading the question is asked about foreigners. "...my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples." There's a lot in the three dots, but for now let's go with the "all the peoples." That was new for the first hearers of Isaiah, that God was God of the many. The second reading speaks of God showing mercy to "all mankind." Maybe humankind or people of all genders. The Gospel also speaks of Jesus' love being shared beyond the "house of Israel." That's three for three! Let all the nations, indeed.

How are people coping with the lockdown? If hope people are managing with masks. Don't go without clean masks. We can supply them if need be. We're still calling for parishioners to make masks for distribution to the who cannot buy or make their own. They can be dropped at the office doors. Are people managing without jobs? Maybe family in Melbourne or elsewhere, or here. Joyce and helpers are cooking away madly. Mostly the meals this time are for purchase so that we can inject the funds to emergency relief. Talk to us. The Covid case numbers are creeping up in the regional areas. Travel less. Wash more. Mask up. Be safe.

Me? Among other things this week I videoed (spelling?) the next instalment of the Sunday prayers for the fellows in Hopkins. The jail is allowing us to take in a DVD of prayers for Sundays. The prisoners can't access the internet to find all of the resources that we have. God of all peoples.

Prayers for the Pandemic

When this is over, may we never again take for granted
A handshake with a stranger,
Full shelves at the shops, Conversations with neighbours,
A crowded theatre. Friday night out,
The sharing of Eucharist, A routine check-up,
The school rush each morning. The roar of the G,
Each deep breath, A boring Tuesday, Life itself.
And when this ends,
May we find that we have become more like the people
We wanted to be,
We were called to be, We hoped to be.
And may we stay that way –
Better for each other because of the worst.
- Laura Kelly Fanucci

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

Food for Purchase

Joyce and helpers will again be preparing food for pick up or delivery in Ararat. Proceeds will be used for further outreach.

St. Mary's Cafe

St. Mary's Cafe will look a bit different during this second lockdown. We will have handmade meals to a tried a tested recipe from Fresh Food Fast Company #freshfoodfast. These soups and evening meals will be frozen for your convenience and can be pre-ordered and collected on Thursdays and Fridays in the Parish Centre from 10am to 3pm. Phone ahead. 03 5352 5460 All soups will be gluten free.

MENU

Soups \$5

Tuscan Bean Soup or Pea & Mint or Tomato

Evening Meals (Serves 2)

Cottage Pie \$12

Vegetarian Lasagne (GF) \$12

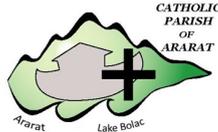
Chicken Fried Rice \$12

Tuna, Tomato & Cheese Pasta Bake \$10

Deserts

Apple Crumble (serves 2) \$8

Biscuit Dough (8 biscuits) \$5



Arrangements during Stage 3 Restrictions

Masses and Funerals

All public Masses have been cancelled for now. The churches are closed. Funerals in our parishes will be at the cemeteries with a maximum of 10 people.

Prayers

Fr Andrew and Srs Maree and John will continue to pray for the intentions of parishioners.

The Sunday readings and prayers of the faithful will be on the bulletins.

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au has a number of helpful resources.

Mass on Television Mass for You at Home

6am Sunday on Channel 10

Bulletins Bulletins will be prepared weekly.

Some bulletins will be hand delivered.

Food Donations

Donations of food will be gratefully received. Items such as, tins of tomatoes & apples. Liquid stock, UHT milk, packets of pasta, butter, carrots, celery, eggs. Again, please deliver on Thursdays and Fridays.

Profit from the Café

This time round, our profit will go to the Ararat Emergency Relief Team. This is a collaboration of combined churches, Ararat Emergency Relief Team and the Ararat Council. This means we are reaching out to those in real need here in our community. We have a couple of volunteers helping to prepare and cook these meals. We may even be able to do a weekly special but we don't want to lose the run of ourselves!!

MASKS

Jenny Beales from Rotary and a team of ladies, got together just before the second lockdown to make over 50 masks. These masks have been donated to the Ararat Emergency Relief Team and the Council. Many will be delivered to the homeless in our community. Thank you to Jenny and Rotary. See front page—keep sewing!! Jenny just delivered more today—August 13th—thank you!!